



AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES IN THE 1ST, 11TH, AND 13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS TO BE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL ELECTION; AMENDING SECTION 3-5-102, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 3-5-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"3-5-102. Number of judges. In each judicial district, there must be the following number of judges of the district court:

(1) in the 2nd, 7th, 16th, 20th, and 21st districts, two judges each;

(2) in the 18th district, three judges;

~~(2)(3)~~ in the 1st, 4th, 8th, and 11th, and ~~18th~~ districts, ~~three~~ four judges each;

~~— (3) in the 4th and 8th districts, four judges;~~

(4) in the 13th district, ~~five~~ six judges;

(5) in all other districts, one judge each."

Section 2. Election of judges. The additional judges for the 1st, 11th, and 13th judicial districts must be elected at the general election to be held in November 2010 for a 6-year term to begin January 3, 2011.

Section 3. Contingent voidness. If House Bill No. 2 is passed and approved and if it does not provide funding for personal services and operating expenses to support the additional judges provided for in [this act], then [this act] is void.

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective January 1, 2010.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 0158, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

SENATE BILL NO. 158
INTRODUCED BY G. BARKUS, D. MCGEE
BY REQUEST OF THE SUPREME COURT

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